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Title: ERIC STARVO GALT;
(FNU) GALT.
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

Synopsis: Murder weapon, a Remington 30.06, Model 760, Serial No. 461476, was one of a shipment from Remington-Arms Company, Bridgeport, Connecticut, to Wimberly-Thomas Hardware Company, Birmingham, and sold on 8/31/66 to AEROMARINE SUPPLY COMPANY, Birmingham. Employees that concern recall an individual, who was later identified from photograph as ERIC S. GALT, had first visited Aeromarine Supply Company on two occasions Friday, 3/29/68, when he purchased a .243 caliber Remington rifle, Model 700, which was equipped on that date with Redfield scope 2x-7x; paid cash and gave name HARVEY LOWMEYER, 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham. On following day, Saturday, 3/30/68, same individual returned after telephonic contact and exchanged this rifle for the murder weapon, a Remington Model 760, 30.06 caliber, to which scope was attached. Investigation at address given, 1907 - 11th Street South, and all surrounding neighborhood revealed that LOWMEYER, or any individual possibly identical, was unknown as residence occupied over thirty years by elderly mother of local attorney, W. A. JENKINS. Records Jefferson County Department of Revenue, Birmingham, revealed 1968 Alabama license 1-38993 issued to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, for 1966 Mustang two-door, VIN 6T07C190647. Previous registration for this car was to WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, residence [REDACTED], Birmingham. PAISLEY advised he purchased car from local Birmingham dealer on 12/15/66 and sold same to GALT on 8/30/67 for \$1,995.00 cash, paid in front of local downtown bank after GALT had visited his residence and inspected car on 8/29/67 in response to newspaper ad

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additional evidence. On 4/16/68, a photograph forwarded to the Birmingham Office by the Los Angeles Office of ERIC S. GALT was exhibited to three witnesses at ALBOWARD Supply Company, two of them stated in their opinion same was identical to the HARVEY LOWMEYER, purchaser of the murder weapon. On 4/17/68, AUSA R. MACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, authorized the filing of a complaint charging ERIC STARVO GALT with Conspiracy to violate Section 241, Title 18, USC, and recommended bond in amount of \$50,000. On same date, SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE filed the complaint before USC MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, and warrant issued, which is being maintained in Birmingham Office. SINCE SUBJECT IS CHARGED WITH MURDER BY USE OF A HIGH-POWERED RIFLE, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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